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 Subject: Re: [android-team] Fwd: Java News from Sun.

"However, Sun is employing the so-called "classpath exception," a license addition that allows the company to place limits on the software that the GPL covers, Green said.

The effect is that programmers who create applications using Sun's open-source versions of Java can use choose a different license for their applications, he said. "

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> http://news.com.com/Sun+picks+GPL+license+for+Java+code/2100-7344_3-6134584.html?tag=nefd.top

On Nov 12, 2006, at 10:32 PM, Brian Swetland wrote:

> [Brian Swetland <swetland@google.com>]
 >> [Andy Rubin <arubin@google.com>]
 >>> They say they will be announcing a "link exception" as well. We'll
 >>> have to see exactly what it says, but in the best case it could mean
 >>> we can use their libs and even vm, if any of it is good.
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 >> I strongly suspect the SE/EE stuff will be too heavy to work well
 >> embedded, but you never know. The exact wording of a link exception
 >> will be interesting to watch -- certainly if the libraries were
 >> strict
 >> GPL it would seriously limit what you could do with this.
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 > Oh -- they actually said ME. Libraries for that could be interesting
 > indeed if the link exception is sane. If it's their reference ME
 > implementation, vm performance would probably be pretty uninteresting.
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 > Hosting a GPL'd VM may or may not be possible, depending on how
 > the GPL is interpreted with regards to JNI linkage. If one can
 > actually provide JNI loadable .so libraries that are not tainted by
 > being loaded/linked into a running VM (probably depends on
 > interpretation of the GPL's linking clauses and any link exceptions),
 > one might be able to get away with it.
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 > One question we likely will have to deal with if they have J2ME under
 > GPL (which is a reasonable license, if not ideal) is "why didn't you
 > just use that?"
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 > Not that I'm saying we should use Sun's VM just because it's out there
 > and fropen source, but this is something we should have an answer too.
 > I suspect "performance" will be the big one.
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 > Brian

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